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Parents/Guardians of seventh grade students:

Beginning with the 7th grade, students will have an opportunity to participate in athletic activities where they compete against other area middle school students. The purpose of this correspondence is to inform parents and students of the requirements of the MHSAA and school to participate in athletics.

The first and most important item is that **any potential athlete needs a yearly physical examination.** The physical for any school year must be done on or after April 15. Without a physical exam on file, the student may not even try out for a team. You may use your family doctor or any other M.D, D.O, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner.

The sports that Sparta sponsors at the middle school level and the dates they begin are:

Monday August 22, 2011	Football (7 th and 8 th Grade teams)
Tuesday September 6, 2011	Girls Volleyball (7 th and 8 th grade A and B teams), Cross Country (Co-ed),
Tuesday, November 1, 2011	Boys Basketball (7 th and 8 th grade A and B teams), Competitive Cheer
Monday January 16, 2012	Girls Basketball (7 th and 8 th grade A and B teams), Wrestling
Monday March 19, 2012	Track (Boys and Girls)

The students will also be required to be in good standing with their grades. Students must maintain a passing grade in all of their classes in order to remain eligible. The students will have the grades checked on a weekly basis and if the student is deficient in more than one class for two weeks they will be ineligible for the next week.

In Basketball (Boys and Girls) and Girls Volleyball there may be cuts if the number of students interested exceeds the number of spaces available, approximately 30 students.

There is also an **activity fee** charged to participate in athletics. The **fee is set at \$75.00 and is a once a school year fee.** Students may participate in any athletic activity throughout the year once that fee has been paid. In sports where cuts are made, the fee will not be collected until after the cuts. Students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program will have the fee waived.

We look forward to having your student enjoy interscholastic athletics through the next 6 years. If there are ever any other questions or concerns you may contact my office at (616) 887-2098 and we will be pleased to assist you and answer any concerns.

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